



Midlands Community Development Corporation

May 25, 2011

Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: *In the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations*

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Our mission at Midlands Community Development Corporation is: *Opening Doors by Providing Services and Resources That Change Lives in the Midlands*. We advance this mission by providing leadership and services that promote empowered individuals, healthy families, and vibrant communities in the Midlands area of South Carolina. We encourage program participants to dream daily, inspiring optimism and hope in youth, adults, senior citizens and families as we move ever closer to a brighter tomorrow.

We are invested in creating opportunities that improve the economic well-being and quality of life along the Atlas and Bluff Road corridors by creating/retaining jobs and business that increase incomes and the tax base in our area. Our current goal is to attract commercial vendors to the area and create new jobs which would provide relief for many of the residents here who are facing layoffs and wage reductions.

In our work we see the countless ways that the various economic gaps in our community put us in a less than favorable position when trying to attract investment and business development. We are in favor of the proposed joining of T-Mobile by AT&T, if it will mean more access to technology for our residents and small businesses. Access to high-speed wireless will be a boost on multiple levels. Residents who will have access for the first time will be able to build digital skills and stay competitive. Furthermore, small businesses who rely on mobile broadband will find the Midland area a more attractive place to grow their companies. We hope that you will support this merger – it will be good for our residents and small businesses.

Sincerely,,

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Executive Director

CC: Chairman Julius Genachowski
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